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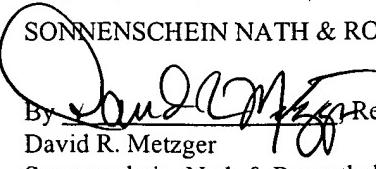
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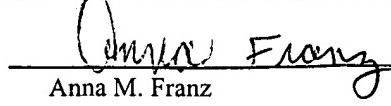
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**I. SUBMITTED UNITED STATES PATENT REFERENCES**

<u>Reference</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Patentee</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>
AA	5,478,668	Gozdz et al.	July 26, 1995
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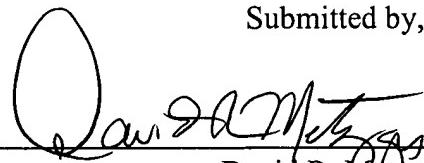
**II. SUBMITTED FOREIGN PATENT REFERENCES**

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AN	WO 97/03475	PCT	January 30, 1997
AO	590,466	GB	
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**III. EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE**

References AA, AB, AL, AM, AN, AO, and AP were cited in European Patent Office Search Report of January 25, 2001 in counterpart European Patent Application No. 00121055.8-2119. A copy of the Search Report is submitted herewith.

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